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PATENT

Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 08888.0518



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Michel Bessodes *et al.*

Application No.: 09/972,854

Filed: October 10, 2001

For: ACID-SENSITIVE COMPOUNDS,  
THEIR PREPARATION AND USES

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) Group Art Unit: 1623  
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) Examiner: Travis C. McIntosh III  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

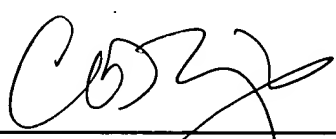
Applicants petition for a three-month extension of time to file a Response to the Office Action mailed on September 16, 2003. A fee of \$950.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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